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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:

Masayuki YABUTA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1653

Application Number: 10/030,452) Examiner: Sheridan Snedden

Filed: January 10, 2002)

For: METHODS FOR REDUCING THE FORMATION OF BY-PRODUCTS IN THE

PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT POLYPEPTIDES

PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the Extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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